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Local businesses angry over being left out of new Union

"I sure wish I would have known who to bribe."

ROD STRINGER, LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER

By Kara Hull
THE BG NEWS

Despite hopes that several local Bowling Green businesses would have a space in the new student Union, administrators have decided to mainly utilize the campus dining services.

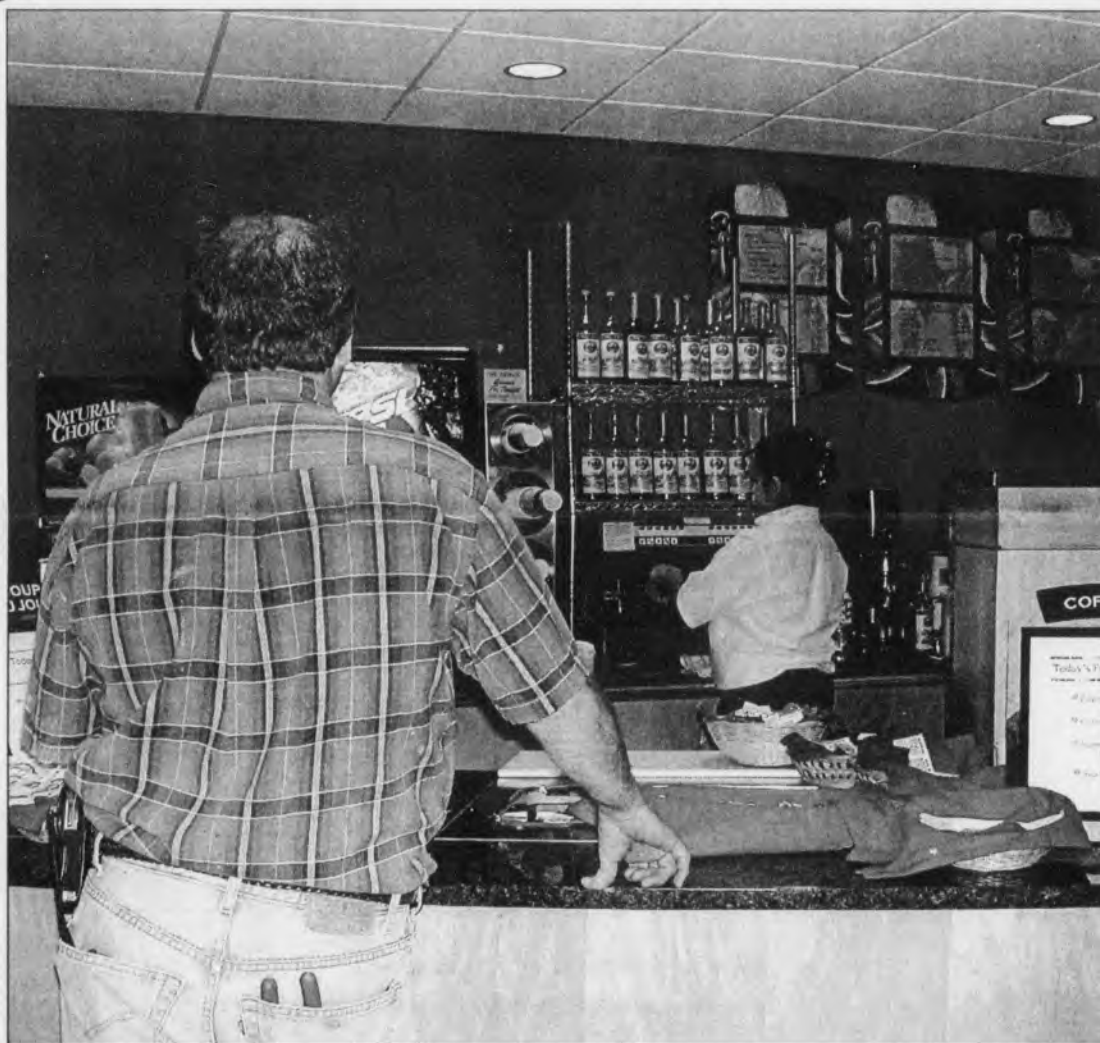
Downtown businesses such as Domino's Pizza and Cosmo's Coffeehouse are among those being denied space in the Union and are concerned with the possibility of a drop in business.

"It's a real concern," Cosmo's owner George Loper said. He stated that obviously students will go to closer food venues rather than come downtown.

Domino's owner Rod Stringer said that the opening of the Union could "potentially devastate the Bowling Green economy."

Food service is currently the largest money-maker in the city of Bowling Green. However, "it's hard to compete against a meal card," Stringer said.

Loper, who has been in business in Bowling Green for eight years, has "customers who are very upset that the University doesn't



Sarah Casto BG News

FOOD SHOPS: Carnation Cafe is the University Dining Services coffee shop in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Cosmo's Coffee shop was one local restaurant that was not allowed to have a location in the Union.

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"Families provide us with comfort and encouragement, compassion and hope, mutual support and unconditional love. No family is perfect, but every family is important."

GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT

Bill to expand family services

By SONYA ROSS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is offering help to the children of prison inmates, proposing \$25 million in seed money for programs that provide role models and mentors.

Bush made the proposal Thursday as he signed legislation pushed by two Ohio lawmakers that expands adoption and foster care services for at-risk children.

Programs included in the bill would encourage adoption, try to reunite broken families and provide additional benefits for youths in foster care who are nearing adulthood without being adopted.

"These services are necessary to ensure that adoptions are not disrupted, which risks further traumatizing a child," said Ohio Republican Sen. Mike DeWine, who co-sponsored the bill with Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

Ohio Republican Rep. Deborah Pryce, who sponsored the measure in the House, joined the Bushes, DeWine and two adoptive families from Montgomery County, Md., at the bill signing Thursday.

"Families provide us with comfort and encouragement, compassion and hope, mutual support and unconditional love," Bush said. "No family is perfect, but every family is important."

Bush said he would propose a total of \$505 million in his fiscal 2003 budget plan for foster care, adoption and other support services for children, a \$130 million increase over the previous year. Those funds include \$25 million for programs that are devoted exclusively to the children of inmates, providing them with role models, academic help or emotional support.

"These children don't see their parents every day but like all children, need help with homework, someone to play catch with, someone to hug them," Bush said. "Countless adults are willing to open their hearts to these children, and we should do all we can to support their compassion."

The money would be available to groups that are either community- or church-based, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. He acknowledged that \$25 million is a small amount to address a growing need, but said it is just a start on an effort that was one of Bush's campaign pledges.

"It's a real sign of how the president ran on something and delivered on it," Fleischer said. "The community that's involved has been very praise worthy of this initiative. They are satisfied with the funding level."

For the 2003 budget, Bush plans to propose earmarking \$60 million for vouchers that teens who are "aging out" of foster care can use for education or vocational training. The White House said individual youths would be eligible for up to \$5,000 a year outside of other federal assistance they might receive.

Plagiarism concerns rise with technology

By Jennifer Bracken
THE BG NEWS

From English to Popular Culture studies, many classes at the University require students to turn in reports or research papers. While the University policy on plagiarism is stated in the University Student Handbook and in many course syllabi, students both here and at universities around the country have disregarded such rules.

The University Student Handbook defines plagiarism as "representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise." When caught committing plagiarism, a

student goes through a disciplinary process that starts with the faculty member that discovers the act. Consequences can vary according to the case.

"The punishment depends on the severity," said Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Arnold. Punishments for less severe cases can go from a reduced grade to an "F" in the course. A more severe case will be reported by faculty to the dean of that particular college. The maximum penalty for an undergraduate student will be withdrawal from the course and assignment of penalty grade "WF" in course. For a graduate student, the max-

imum penalty is expulsion. Students can appeal to the academic Dishonesty Committee if they feel accusations are unjust.

A task force is reviewing the current disciplinary process in order to create more consistency within the policy.

Concern about plagiarism is rising as it appears to be increasing.

"I think it is becoming an increasing problem," Arnold said. "Not just at BG but universities around the country."

Arnold is not the only one who has noticed a rise in plagiarism.

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PLAGIARISM POLICY

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grade "WP" in course.

JURISDICTION: Instructor in course.

OFFENSE: Using a person or agency to prepare papers or other assignment in a course.

PENALTY: Minimum, suspension. Maximum, dismissal.

JURISDICTION: Academic Dean.

OFFENSE: Possession and/or use of stolen examinations, papers, and other course assignments.

PENALTY: Minimum, suspension. Maximum, expulsion.

JURISDICTION: Academic Dean.

New stores add interest to mall

By Kara Hull
THE BG NEWS

Two new stores brought more shoppers, and a revived hope to the Woodland Mall.

The Woodland Mall, under local ownership since June, currently has suggestions from retailers to house such things as a coffee shop, tanning services, women's fitness and a jewelry store. "There are currently 2-3 proposals out for every space in the mall," Beth Genson, Woodland Mall Manager said. Genson said "the interest is unbelievable" for local and national retailers to obtain space in the mall.

Professor Tinker's Toys and Sears Appliance store, which have been in the mall since November, have been contributing factors to the mall's revival plan.

Brian Young, owner of Professor Tinker's Toys, said that "local investors is a key factor" to the success of the mall. Young said that the traffic lately has been the "best I've ever seen in the mall."

The Sears Appliance store, owned by Tim Wilkins, anticipates its official grand opening this weekend.

"Business has been a little bit better than expected. As more and more folks find out we're here, business should remain steady," Wilkins said.

Genson said that Young operates his store with "the whole persona of Professor Tinker, complete with a lab coat and an altered voice" to attract children to his shop.

"People are finding what they want, and we're trying to make the store family friendly," Young said.

In addition to adding new stores the mall has tried to provide "more fun things to do for the community" Genson said. School groups performed in the center court of the mall during the holiday season and nine Bowling Green students were hired to entertain shoppers. "We had everything from

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Local businesses not allowed into new campus Union

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believe that they (Cosmo's) can operate both locations and adequately serve customers."

"The University thinks that the students want big chains," Loper said. "Bowling Green says they want the best." According to him, this apparently doesn't include small, unfamiliar restaurants.

Loper, who has a petition of 60 faculty members indicating Cosmo's should be included in

the Union food court, said he "never even had the dignity of a phone call from the University after their decision had been made."

"Lots of time and money went into planning my proposal, and all the necessary deadlines were met," Loper said. He said that a lack of professionalism on the part of the University was very disappointing for the nature of this project.

Domino's, which operates

more than 100 restaurants located in universities, is disappointed that they "didn't even have an opportunity" to be included in the Union food court, Stringer said. The University "brought in businesses outside of Bowling Green, which was a double whammy. Everyone knows that Domino's has been trying to get a space in the Union since the announcement that the old one (Union) would be torn down," Stringer said.

The vice president of the Domino's Corporation, Dan McVey, who has been responsible for the opening of numerous Domino's on college campuses, attempted to do the same here in Bowling Green.

"He couldn't even get a meeting set up, and this is what he does for a living," Stringer said. Unreturned phone calls and playing "phone tag" were just two of the problems involved with an attempt to work with the

University, Stringer said. He said, "It's very hard to contact the right person, and no one knows who is in charge, they only know it's not them."

With Domino's Pizza and Cosmo's Coffeehouse among the businesses left out of the new student Union, Stringer said, "I sure wish I would have known who to bribe."

The BG News was unable to contact the Union for comment.

Mall brings in more businesses

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students who dressed as clowns, to jesters and also had a piano player" who provided music for those eating in the food court Genson said.

The mall also started a student advisory board comprised of 20 Bowling Green students who are providing their opinions on "what they would like to see" Genson said. The mall is considering offering space to the Art Department for use as a gallery.

Now with local ownership, the Woodland Mall is experiencing major changes in a short amount of time in hopes to transform its presence in Bowling Green.

Plagiarism problems rise, educators blame the increase of internet use

PLAGIARISM, FROM PAGE 1

"There is no doubt we are getting a higher number of plagiarism cases," said Neil Brown, chairman of the Academic Dishonesty Committee. He added that it could be because people are more sensitive towards this issue.

For many, the increase in plagiarism over the last few years is linked to the development of the Internet.

"Plagiarism is definitely increasing with technology," Arnold said. Students can now find websites that offer completed papers for a price. Students sometimes use the entire paper or take portion of those papers to copy and paste.

"It is easy and tempting to copy from the Internet," said Richard Hebein, associate dean, of the college of Arts & Sciences. He added that the Internet has the potential of being a tremendous

source, but a student using an Internet source has to credit it.

"Students should find out from instructors how to cite Internet sources properly and instructors should constantly encourage it," Hebein said.

"If a student can get to an Internet site, so can a student," he added. According to him, many instructors get familiar with a student writing style throughout the course of the semester. If a student then turns

in something they do not think the student is capable of, allegations can be made.

Hebein also said that Jerome Library is equipped with a plagiarism detection site for instructors. It lists search engines to discover plagiarism sites.

But one of the problem with plagiarism is that students might not realize they are plagiarizing someone else work.

"People are taking advantage of the Internet," Browne said. He

added that when accused, most students have the same "I didn't mean to" answer. Browne does not know whether such an answer is legitimate because some students may literally not understand the concept of plagiarism.

"We need to do a better job of explaining what plagiarism is," Browne said. "It seems that should be our next goal, for instructors to better explain the concepts of citations."

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Aviation charges dropped against Egyptian student

U.S. officials still investigating the way the radio was found in Abdallah Higazy's hotel room.

By Larry Neumeister
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Shouting "nothing tops freedom," an Egyptian student forgave the FBI yesterday for throwing him in jail after an aviation radio was found in his hotel room near the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

Abdallah Higazy, 30, was released late yesterday after a month in detention because another hotel guest — a private pilot — told officials the radio was his.

"To be absolutely honest, I don't blame the FBI for thinking it was mine," Higazy said. He offered to take two agents who interrogated him to dinner so everyone could "bury the hatch-

et."

However, his lawyer, Robert Dunn, said he wants to know how investigators came to believe that the handheld radio was found in a safe in Higazy's room at the Millennium Hilton Hotel when it actually belonged to someone staying one floor below his client.

The lawyer said he wants to know whether investigators were provided erroneous information or whether something "more ominous and sinister happened." Dunn also said his client wept as agents threatened to involve his family in the investigation.

"They certainly used the skills in trying to break someone, trying to crack the nut," Dunn said angrily.

Marvin Smilon, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney, said prosecutors were still investigating the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the radio.

Higazy, the son of an Egyptian

diplomat and a former serviceman in the Egyptian Air Corps, had been charged with lying to investigators looking into the attack on the trade center.

Charges were dismissed Wednesday, two days after the other guest came forward and the FBI verified the claim. The charges were dismissed without prejudice, meaning they can be filed again.

The radio, called a transceiver, is marketed for use by pilots, enabling them to communicate air-to-air and air-to-ground with other pilots or to monitor other pilot conversations.

The FBI initially said a hotel employee found the radio in a safe in Higazy's room along with his Egyptian passport, a copy of the Quran and a gold medallion. This week, prosecutors said the employee later said he found the radio on a table in Higazy's room on the 51st floor.

Prosecutors said it was unclear how the radio got to Higazy's

room from the 50th floor, where the pilot was staying. They said there had been no contact between the two guests.

Higazy denied knowing anything about the radio: "Up until this very second I do not know where the on-off switch is," Higazy said Thursday.

Higazy enrolled at Polytechnic University in Brooklyn last September as a graduate student in computer engineering, but arrived late for classes. A student aid group directed him to stay at the hotel until he could find more permanent housing. He checked in on Aug. 27 and was scheduled to check out Sept. 25.

The hotel was evacuated Sept. 11. Higazy was arrested Dec. 17 after he returned to the still-closed hotel to retrieve his possessions.

Higazy said he planned to finish his education and return to Egypt in two years because a "master's degree in computers makes me a big shot there."

"In our 19-year history, CCA has never lost an employee in the line of duty. Today we lost a member of our company family."

JOHN FERGUSON, COMPANY PRESIDENT

Inmate stabs, kills counselor

By John Gerome
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An inmate at a privately run prison stabbed a counselor to death Thursday with a rod-like weapon, authorities said.

Delbert Steed, 57, was stabbed in the back and the arms, said Steve Owen, spokesman for Nashville-based Corrections Corporation of America.

The company runs the medium-security Hardeman County Correctional Facility in Whiteville where Steven L. Huguely, 34, approached Steed as he sat in a common area of a housing unit and began stabbing him.

Authorities said Steed was not counseling Huguely, who was serving two life sentences for murder and 25 years for attempted murder. He was not eligible for release until 2057.

The death is the third at prisons run by the company in

Tennessee in the past six months but the first of an employee. A 54-year-old inmate was strangled in July; the prison operator attributed the death of a 22-year-old inmate in October to natural causes.

"In our 19-year history, CCA has never lost an employee in the line of duty," said John Ferguson, the company's president. "Today we lost a member of our company family."

Steed joined the county-owned, 2,016 bed prison in January 2000.

Owen said counselors frequently meet with inmates who have complaints, and guards are always present.

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OPINION

Union food dominated by Dining Services

For many students, the opening of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union was supposed to be an opportunity to have something else than the dining services food.

Although the University accepted the bid for one chain — Wendy's — and is in the process of signing a contract with another, most of the food places at the Union are still under dining services.

Only very few food spaces were opened for bid, and local busi-

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Should outside food businesses be allowed to bid on spaces in the Union?

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nesses were hoping to be able to bid for them. Instead, those spaces were bought by Wendy's and the other national chain.

It seems that the University just decided to ignore local busi-

nesses' bids, as shown with Cosmo's Coffeehouse and Domino's which said there were denied the chance to properly bid for the spaces.

However, those businesses should almost have more of a right to those spaces because students are familiar with the food there and have shown their appreciation towards these businesses.

A petition asking for Cosmo's to have a space in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union was

signed by more than 60 faculty members. While the University said the Union was done according to the University's community wishes, it seems to ignore those wishes when confronted with them.

Owners and managers of those two places have said that the University just refused to talk to them, not have returned their phone call and not informed them on the status of their bids.

University Dining Service's monopoly on food choices at the

University has been an issue that never seems to go away. While other universities, such as the University of Findlay and University of Toledo allow students to use their identity cards at Domino's pizza, BG students can only go to Shadows.

It is understandable that the University will concentrate on its financial interest as far as attributing space in the Union, and while The BG News does not know how much the national chains bid to have spaces in the

Union, it could be assumed it would be much more than the locally-owned Cosmo's could afford.

The University did have to do what was in its best financial interest but did this have to deny and disrespect other businesses? Cosmo's and Domino's said that they were not even given the chance to make an offer.

Bids are still opened on two spaces still unoccupied in the Union to rent, but they are for retail and not food operations.

Andy's music awards



BITTER AND GRIZZLED

Andy Shotwell

Because I currently don't have a female in my life to bleed me dry, I spend most of my extra money on music. I have very eclectic tastes. If you open up my CD book, you'll see every Godsmack CD and every Lars of Clay album (that's Christian rock for you heathens). When driving in my truck, I will often switch from Neil Diamond to Ghostface Killah without even flinching, although I often get strange looks from my passengers. I like rap, metal, rap/metal, rock, jazz, punk, oldies, and so on and so forth. In fact, the only genres of music I don't usually listen to are country and techno. I don't like techno because I don't drop enough acid to appreciate it, and I shun country music because it's horrible (plus my ex-girlfriend forced me to listen to it), although I will say that I sometimes fantasize about Faith Hill and the fiddle player from the Dixie Chicks. Sorry country fans, but this is after all, an opinion column.

Because I haven't accidentally elbowed any of my dates in the face recently, I was desperate for something to write about this week. I've been told that I write about dating too much anyway, so I decided to sift through my CD collection for inspiration. I didn't find much, but I did get the bright idea to make up a bunch of fake music awards and try to fool my readers into believing it was a funny article. I have a feeling it didn't work (hey, you try writing a funny article every week smart ass). But, because I have nothing else worthwhile to say this week, I give you "Andy Shotwell's Pathetically Unfunny Music Awards."

Most Vulgar:

Master P, Silk the Shocker, and C-Murder previously held this honor with their love song "Freak hoes." Who can forget the romantic refrain asking the ladies to "make your mother (flipping) knees touch your elbows?" But

last year Ludicrous stole their crown with virtually every song on his debut album. Here are some inspirational words from the modern day poet, Ludicrous: "Cuz I hate it when there's too many (derogatory slang term for African Americans) and not enough (prostitutes), too many rookies and not enough pros, the game got switched on some Ludicrous (excrement) and all ya'll can (perform an unlawful sexual act), (term for a female dog)." Believe it or not, this excerpt is from one of the cleaner songs.

Because I was curious, I hired an elite team of expert linguists to perform some extensive research, and after months of around the clock examination they have concluded that there is in fact, no possible way to make this album more offensive. Although I felt the uncontrollable need to bathe after I listened to this CD, Ludicrous speaks to me because I too hate it when there are too many rookies and not enough pros.

Most Disturbing:

This was an easy one. These guys openly admit how messed up they are. The name of their band is Disturbed and their most noteworthy song is called "Down With the Sickness." It's difficult to convey just how disturbing this song is because it loses a little something without the guttural schizophrenic voices, but the line "all that was good has died and is decaying in me" still sufficiently conveys its creepiness. As far as I can tell, this entire song is about how much the lead singer hates his mother and how she "woke up the demons" in him. During his verbal tirade he lovingly tells the woman to whom he owes his life to "get ready to die." After the first time I listened to this song I was faced with a difficult dilemma. I mean, it became clear that I had to kill my parents and begin worshipping the Dark Master, but I didn't want to skip the study session for my Marketing 400 exam. Luckily I was able to hulk "my demons" back to sleep after fasting and putting "Amazing Grace" on repeat for the majority of an hour. The only thing more dis-

turbing than this song is the people who attend the concerts.

Most Unintelligible:

And the winner is (cue drum roll to add suspense), every song that Beck has ever written. My personal favorite unintelligible lyric is, "silver foxes looking for romance in the chain smoke Kansas flash dance ass pants." Now I know the question all of you are asking is "What the hell is he talking about?" But in my mind the real question is what combination of recreational drugs do you have to consume before Beck starts making sense? And even more importantly, where can the guys who sit in front of me in my Drug Use and Abuse class score a bag (please don't kill me)?

Most Annoying:

Again, my apologies to country fans, but Toby Keith's "I Want to Talk About Me" may be the most annoying song of all time, just squeaking by Queen's "Bicycle" and Chumbawamba's "Tubthumping." Now I will say that I like what Mr. Keith was going for, girls should talk less, but this tune is more annoying than mosquitoes and hangovers. What amazes me most about this song is that girls love it. It's blatantly ripping on you, ladies. Don't you get it? You don't see guys belting out the words to Alanis Morissette songs, do you?

Because of space constraints, I will give you a quick listing of other noteworthy winners. Jay-Z cashed in with the "Most Made Up Words in a Single Song" Award. Aerosmith won the "Shouldn't you be Dead?" Award for the 50th straight year. And Nelly Furtado claimed the coveted, "Artist I Would Most Like to be Alone with in a Dark Room" Award. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go write an article that doesn't suck for next week. Which reminds me, does anyone want to go on a bad date this weekend?

If you would like to share your music list with Andy, he can be reached at Shotzy210@aol.com.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

When meeting someone of the opposite sex, what is the first thing you notice?

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"The first thing I notice is the eyes."

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"Her smile."

YVETTE LUU
FRESHMAN

"Eyes are the first thing I notice."

KARA PLESSINGER
SOPHOMORE

"Honestly? Eyes are really the first thing I notice."

Watch out for that tow truck

GUEST COLUMNIST

Popmille Oloyede

I would like to express my protest at what appeared to me, a flagrant display of crass mercantilism being perpetrated by the management of Preferred Properties — one of the popular apartment companies in town.

In doing this, beyond seeking a cathartic vent for my discontent at their actions, I would hope that on the strength of this piece, unwary students can factor in my little "whisper-in-confidence" in arriving at decisions when making a choice of apartment.

Considering the manner that scores of banner ads in The BGNews promise students heaven-on-earth if they can as much as sign up for an apartment, I think a few cautionary words won't hurt. Particularly, it is necessary for me to offer students a glimpse into my brush with an uninspiring practice that one of these companies unleash on its tenants. My overall intention is to do the public a larger good, advising people to look before they leap and at most hope they would "hearken to the voice of him who shouts in the wilderness."

I had offered a friend a ride home on the night of Tuesday, January 15th. On arriving at the apartment complex, Haven House Manor on E. Wooster Street, I parked my car with no underlying cause for worry of any kind. Since my friend had no car, I supposed the space in which I parked the car could have been hers as a rightful occupant of an apartment in the complex, or in a symmetric argument, regarded the car as hers for the moment and expected the car to be treated as deserving of the respect due to a lease-holder in the premises.

After a visit that lasted barely seven minutes, my car was gone! It had been towed. It becomes very tempting to wonder what is the moral of a "visit-gone-awry" story. Well, tarry awhile! In my confused state, I ran into the truck driver who had come on another round of unseemly confiscation. On presenting my complaint, he retorted "If you keep

on bitching, I'll make you pay more for the car!" And then, he left!

Those words in good, old friendly Bowling Green? How calming!

After about an hour of tracking the all-powerful gentleman around town, it took the intervention of the police to summon my benefactors back to their office to facilitate the release of my car.

Now this is my honest grouse: if the management's honorable reason for being so effective at towing "illegally" parked vehicles is to guarantee parking space for legitimate occupiers and not simply a money-making venture, why aren't the parking lots simply numbered? Does that not quickly identify who has defaulted by parking on Lot 25, when he's meant to be visiting the owner of Lot 2? And won't that just eliminate the kind of problems encountered by helpless victims like me? Maybe it takes an expert in game theory to figure out why I am so benighted!

The following morning, on calling the company to express my grudge and offer the suggestions above, the lady on the phone told me that I was simply at the receiving end of a company policy. My thesis is that "since my naive suggestions would not bring in extra income for the company, why would they adopt it?" I desperately need to be proved wrong.

When a company contracts out such duties to a towing company, it becomes a very dirty fight between the responsibility of Preferred Properties to treat its customers with respect and a human face- what Cicero calls animi janua, and the tenacity of Wrights Auto Company to declare profit at whatever cost by throwing nooses around people's neck at the slightest outstretch of the head.

Maybe Preferred Properties should include the following in their ad "We are never eager to retain our students for subsequent years." Then we will get the message that the contract needn't treat us well.

Or better still, maybe their action was the company's way of saying "We only need your Preference for a year!" If this is all correct, then take a bow! you guys are unbelievably nice!

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This Saturday's Bowling Green/Toledo men's basketball game scheduled for 1 p.m., in Anderson Arena is officially sold out. The last of the available student tickets were distributed Thursday afternoon. This is the second sellout of the season for the Falcon men's program this season.



File photo

WHERE IS IT?: BG forward Austin de Luis looks for an opportunity for the Falcons.

Icers look to continue dominance of Engineers

By Derek McCord
THE BG NEWS

It has been a long eight years since Bowling Green's head coach has had the reins of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and this weekend the coach will take a trip to his old stomping grounds.

The Engineers will be the Falcons final non-conference opponent before they have the final run at a position for the CCHA Tournament in the second half of the season. The Falcons have a history of playing RPI dating back to the 1970 season where the Falcons lost 4-5 in the RPI Invitational.

Since Powers has come to BG he has been able to produce a 4-1 record on his former school. Last season BG took two wins from the Engineers (4-0, 4-3) last year at the BGSU Ice Arena taking the home record against RPI to 7-2-0 but at New York, N.Y. though the story is different with a 1-5-0 away record.

Powers feels that this weekend though will be a tough one to get them ready for Michigan next week.

"Going out there, playing an RPI team that will be physical and their high tempo should help us to be in good shape when we run into Michigan the following week."

The Falcons will sent their equipment earlier in the week so that they will not have to be at the airport three hours early to have their bags checked due to the heightened security of U.S. airports since the Sept. 11 attack.

BG will try and build on some momentum that was ignited after a 2-1 victory over Princeton on Jan. 5. The victory has given the team confidence and is just a part of the building toward the final stage of the season.

"We're still in a construction phase where this is just another week in training camp for the second half of the year," Powers said. "The second half of the year starts with Michigan and in these games guys are lobbying for jobs and positions for the last 12 games of the season."

Powers will use both goaltenders this weekend, Tyler Masters and Jordan Sigalet, as a one-two goaltender punch to give Sigalet some game experience as Masters is still considered the number one starter on the team. They will be without the services of freshman Colen Pappas though as he will be sitting due to an injury to his ribs.

BG may be playing the Engineers at the most opportunistic time as RPI is in the middle of a five game losing streak that was extended Wednesday as they were defeated 5-4 at Union.

Goalscoring has not been the problem for the Engineers as senior winger Matt Murley and

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SPORTS

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Ranked Falcons host CMU

The BG gymnastics squad is currently #17 in the country.

By Matthew P. Lyons
THE BG NEWS

The BGSU women's gymnastics team will take the next step in the 2002 season Saturday when the Chippewas of Central Michigan University come to

town for a Mid-American Conference meet.

The Falcons have gained some national recognition after their first meet, including a #17 ranking in the country. Senior Marny Oestreg is ranked in the top 20 in the All-Around, Vault, and Floor. Junior Kathy Emerson is tied for #16 on Beam, and Sophomore Pia Sjovald is tied for #24 on vault.

In the MAC standings a Falcon

occupies all five of the number one spots. Marny Oestreg is number one on Vault, Bars, Floor, and All-Around. Kathy Emerson is number one on Beam.

Gymnastics meets, especially in the MAC, are decided on each apparatus and not on paper.

Central Michigan enters Saturdays meet with only one win this season. A .025 loss to Eastern Michigan this past

Sunday gives the Chippewas an 0-1 MAC record as well.

Bowling Green is riding a season opening victory into the meet. Last Sunday BG defeated the University of Missouri 193.775-193.275 in the center gymnasium of the Eppler Complex.

Despite their early success the Falcons have had this season head coach Dan Connelly knows his team is up against one of the

MAC's premiere teams.

"It is important for us to go in hard against them," said Connelly.

The Chippewas are led by Kara Reighard and being in a string of wins that extend beyond the tenure of current head coach Dan Connelly.

Several Falcons turned in impressive performances

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Seeking Rocket recovery

By Nick Hurm
THE BG NEWS

Before the Ball State game, BG coach Dan Dakich had hoped that his team wouldn't need a loss to refocus. The Cardinals negated the coach's wish as well as the Falcons 12-game win streak with a 92-79 victory in Muncie, Ind. Wednesday.

"I hope it's not like Duke," said Dakich before the Falcons' battle with Ball State. "Duke gets a loss and now they're refocused. I guarantee if you talk to Duke's staff, they will say, 'We don't want a loss to refocus.'"

The Falcons did not want a loss to refocus as well. How did Duke respond? The Blue Devils followed their 77-76 loss to Florida State, Duke came back with a vengeance by dominating their game against Georgia Tech 104-79. Maybe refocusing isn't as bad as it sounds after all. Especially since arch-rival Toledo come into Anderson Arena Saturday sporting the same MAC record as "the Falcons at 3-1.

"If you don't (bounce back), then you put yourself in a hole," Dakich said. "League play is about two things: backing up good wins and bouncing back. If things don't go your way tonight, then what are you going to do tomorrow and what we are going to do Saturday."

"Are we going to hang our heads and be sad because I'm going to yell and scream at them or are we going to have leadership and come back to play?" Dakich continued. "It's

SPORTS ON 88.1 FM

BASKETBALL: BG men verse Toledo Saturday at 1:00 p.m. with Andy Barch and Mike Brandt.

HOCKEY: Falcons verse RPI Saturday at 7:05 with Steve Mears and Dave Crane.



File photo

UP FOR TWO: BG freshman guard Kris Wilson drives the lane in the a previous victory over MAC foe Northern Illinois.

Miller-less team poised to keep streak alive against Ball State

By Jason A. Dixon
THE BG NEWS

After posting a 2-1 record during their three game home stand, the Bowling Green women's basketball team travels to Muncie, Ind. to take on Ball State Saturday.

To no one's amazement, but to a lot of folks' surprise, the Falcons enter this weekend's game riding a two game winning streak, their first of the season.

The Falcons' 5-11 record overall and 2-3 in conference play cannot begin to explain the continuous improvement BG has made throughout the season.

But the effort put forth has been somewhat diminished by injuries, inconsistency and tough losses.

However, news that Francine Miller, their star player is out for the season is a little less damaging with their 71-69 victory over Buffalo and 12-point defeat over Akron has brought the team together. Their next mission may reveal the real test on just how far the Falcons have come and how much confidence they have

"They're (BSU) probably overlooking us because of our record, but we want to go in there and try to get another win."

STEFANIE WENZEL, GUARD

gained.

BG holds an all-time record of 33-8 over the Cardinals (11-3, 3-1), winning the last meeting 106-105, a four-overtime thriller during the 1998-99 season. Sophomore Stefanie Wenzel feels that the Falcons will go into the game very confident, despite not playing them last season.

"We have gained a lot of confidence from the way we've been playing lately," Wenzel said. "They're probably overlooking this game because of our record, but we want to go in there and try to get another win."

The Cardinals are coming off



File photo

BUMP: BG forward Samika Smith post up on a defender.

of an 85-74 victory over Ohio. They're led by junior Guard Tamara Bowie and sophomore Guard Johna Goff. Both were among the conference's scoring leaders last season and have helped Ball State to one of the top records in the Western Division this season.

Head Coach Curt Miller feels that the Falcons have gained a lot of confidence from their two

previous wins, but knows this game will tell a lot about his team.

"We know we can play well in Anderson Arena, but as a team with a poor record we have to play aggressively and without fear whenever we're on the road," Miller said, "we need to establish ourselves on the road."

The game is scheduled for a 2:00 p.m. tip-off.

Track has eyes set on MAC

By Jayne Ramson
THE BG NEWS

Bowling Green State University's women's track team will strive to be named among the best in the Mid-American Conference this season.

The BG harriers began their season at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational before Winter Break. BG's distance Medley relay and the 1600 meter relay took first place accolades. Two other team members won individual events. Jessica Primeau won the 800 meter run and Lori Williams placed first in the 20 pound weight throw.

BGSU's head coach Scott Sehmman believes the structure of the team will help their chances for success. "This team is a little more balanced than last year's team; we also are more mature with five seniors and strong sophomore and junior classes."

Newcomers this season include freshman Marquita McGowen and sophomore Tamika Dixon. McGowen was one of the top 400 meter runners in Michigan last year. She will compete in the 400 meter dash for BG. Dixon will add depth to BG's middle distance team as a 400 and 800 meter runner.

Team captains this year are Nichole Carter, JoVone Houpe, Christine Thompson, and Lori Williams. Carter is one of BG's top athletes in the jumping events. Houpe is one of BG's top returning athletes for the sprint events. Thompson is a senior middle-distance runner. Williams will lead the throwers, events which Sehmman believes are the strongest part of the team.

The BG women will focus on winning the MAC Championship this season. The team won the MAC in 1999 and finished 6th last year. Sehmman believes they are much closer to winning the MAC this year than they were last year. He also said that the MAC remains the team's ultimate goal, but he also thinks the team has a chance at winning the All-Ohio Championships.

Sehmman looks forward to "getting the season underway and competing three times at home." The first home meet is Saturday at Perry Field House. Field events will begin at 11:30 a.m. and running events start at 12:00 p.m. BG will compete against conference and non-conference opponents from Akron, Detroit-Mercy, Miami and Northern Illinois

Fighter fights ice with fire

By Andy Resnik
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Whether she's rushing into a burning house or rocketing down a bobsled chute, Lee Ann Parsley never worries.

She doesn't have time to. Parsley, 33, of Granville in central Ohio, is a firefighter who also competes in the skeleton, a dangerous winter sport returning next month to the Winter Olympics for the first time since 1948.

She puts on a helmet and a skintight bodysuit, then grabs a sled with no brakes and hurls herself face first down an icy path — with only the spikes on her shoes to help her stop.

Like fighting fires, there's no time to think — just react.

"I think I've been clocked at 80 mph," Parsley said. "The speed at times can be the kind of exhilarating scary where you want to go fast. That's kind of the point of it. In the straights, when you start to pick up speed, it can really take your breath away."

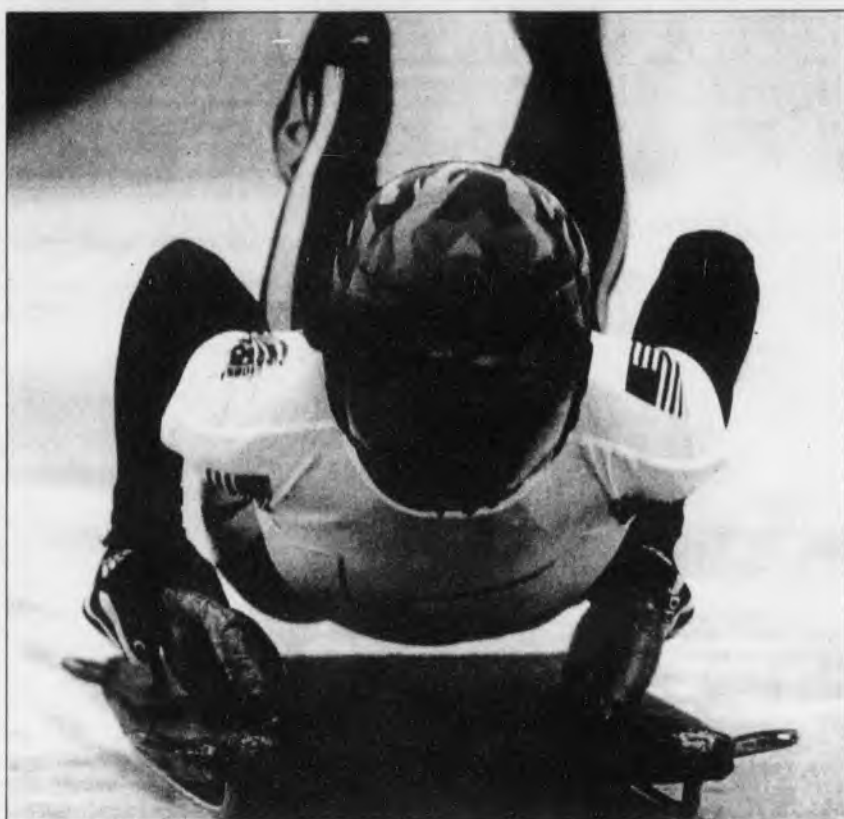
If gravity doesn't take it away first.

"It's almost like it flattens you out," Parsley said of the G-forces. "It's more like having an elephant sitting on top of you. It's pushing the air out of you and pushing your head down. ... My face shield scrapes the ice on the curves."

Earlier this month, Parsley finished second in the trials to qualify for the U.S. women's skeleton team's only guaranteed spot in the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

She earned a spot on the team Thursday by finishing second in the Skeleton World Cup in St. Moritz, Switzerland. That result helped move the Americans into a tie for second place in the team rankings — allowing them to send a second competitor to the Games.

Reaching the Olympics adds to Parsley's long list of accomplishments — in sports and in life.



The Associated Press

OHIO NATIVE: Granville native Lee Ann Parsley is a double threat as a fire fighter and skeleton rider for the USA Olympic team.

Parsley, who quickly rose to the top of the skeleton rankings after taking up the sport in 1998, also has competed nationally in team handball.

In addition, she works as a nurse in Columbus, has fought wildfires across the country and was the Ohio State Firefighters Association's firefighter of the year in 1999.

"I don't think she has a lot of inhibitions. She doesn't have fears of new and unusual things," said Dudley Wright, chief of the fire department in Granville, where Parsley volun-

teers. "When you look at everything she has experienced in her life, it's pretty remarkable."

It's also heroic.

Parsley was decorated for her work on Feb. 15, 1999, when she helped rescue a woman and her 14-year-old wheelchair-bound daughter from their burning mobile home in Licking County, east of Columbus.

Parsley sat in a window sill and had other firefighters place the victims on her lap — one at a time. They then tumbled backward out of the window "like a scuba diver out the back of the

boat," she said.

"She's willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done," said Wright, who was inside the mobile home that day. "She is always the dirtiest one to come out of a fire. She is going to be covered in soot."

Parsley doesn't like to take credit for her actions.

"With both my firefighting and with skeleton you spend so much of your time training and practicing things they become second nature," she said. "Doing that you eliminate some of the risk."

A sly genius going to work

By Jim Little
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What is it with football coaches, anyway?

In the name of motivation, they've staged fake shootings, had bulls castrated during practice and used deathbed speeches, real and imagined, as material for halftime pep talks.

But his brethren have nothing on Brian Billick.

When the Ravens coach tells people he wrote THE book on motivation, it's not an idle boast. Billick's "Competitive Leadership — 12 Principles for Success," hit the bookstores last spring, a few months after Baltimore won the Super Bowl, and he's already gathering material for the next one.

In a mere two weeks, Billick has transformed the Ravens from a team that squeaked into the playoffs into the more familiar woofing, snarling, arrogant defending champions everybody outside of Baltimore loves to hate. And like most sly geniuses, he did his best work away from prying eyes.

On Sunday, the Ravens play an AFC divisional playoff game in Pittsburgh, where the Steelers put together the conference's best record. The two teams, which split regular-season meetings, already have a nasty history. Not that Billick needs any help.

Before the last game, Steelers running back Jerome Bettis said in a magazine interview that he considered Cincinnati Bengals fourth-year linebacker Takeo Spikes as good as Baltimore's Ray Lewis. "Tell him to tape that groin up," Lewis barked, "and come see me at PSINet."

Bettis didn't play, but the rest of the Steelers did. They won 26-21 in a game that wasn't as close as the score. Pittsburgh wideout Plaxico Burress, ridiculed as "Plexiglas" by Baltimore's Shannon Sharpe, had a career day — 164 yards and a touchdown. But when reporters approached Sharpe this week, he held his famous tongue.

"Brian has threatened to fine me,

and Mr. Modell said I wouldn't be his favorite son anymore if I talked trash, so I'm going to let it slide this week."

"But you know," Sharpe added, "it's killing me."

That's not to say there hasn't been any hubbub at all.

Last week, it seems, Billick was up to his old tricks. He took his players to Florida a day earlier than usual to prepare for the wild-card game against Miami and booked them into an oceanfront hotel. There, they enjoyed the spa by day — massages, manicures, pedicures, body scrubs — and the pleasures of South Beach on Friday night with no curfew.

Then on Saturday afternoon, Billick took them to Pro Player Stadium around the same time as Sunday's kickoff. It's something he often does before big games on the road. He has players imagine the stands full of howling fans, note where the sun is and how the turf feels wearing shoes with different cleats.

Then — and this is what caused the hubbub — Billick tells them "mark your territory."

As anybody who watched HBO's behind-the-scenes special "Hard Knocks" knows, Billick, a one-time 49ers public relations man, loves to hear himself talk. Even his PG material is racy. So, when someone asked Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne after Baltimore crushed Miami what Billick's "territory" remark meant, he just laughed.

"You know," Byrne said, "what animals do to mark their territory."

"But don't worry," Byrne added, "no matter what you're hearing, he doesn't mean it literally. Nobody did anything on that field."

The Steelers, though, have been conditioned to believe the worst. They remember watching Lewis, the last Baltimore player introduced at the Super Bowl a year ago, emerge from the tunnel and stop to snatch a handful of grass, then rub it across his chest while yelling, "This is our turf." That may explain why a few Steelers warned the Ravens not to take this "territory" thing too far.

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Teammates in bobsled dispute

By Tim Korte

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SALT LAKE CITY — The simmering dispute between bobsled driver Jean Racine and brakewoman Jen Davidson is headed for arbitration.

U.S. bobsled federation director Matt Roy said Thursday he expects the dispute to go before the American Arbitration Association, which decides eligibility issues within the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Davidson's attorney, Mark Gaylord, said no hearing date has been set but one could be scheduled within three days. The USOC has a Jan. 28 deadline to submit names of athletes for next month's Olympics to the International Olympic Committee.

Davidson held a conference call Thursday evening where she said Racine led her to believe their partnership was secure, then surprised her by choosing former heptathlete Gea Johnson as her new partner.

In a grievance filed with the USOC, Davidson asked for a race-off with Johnson to settle the dispute.

"I'm not truly going to be happy with this situation until I have the chance to prove myself," Davidson said.

Racine declined comment.

"Jean is a little crispy right now," said Evan Morgenstein, an agent who represents both women. "She's being advised not to say anything more until the grievance is over. It doesn't behoove her to say anything. It's

got a life of its own."

Racine dropped Davidson in December after the pair had competed together for four years with spectacular success. The move came only a week before the Olympic trials and stunned Davidson.

"This is not an issue about friendship and it's certainly not a personal issue between Jean and I," Davidson said. "It's about fairness. I said from the beginning I would get in anybody's sled to represent my country. If that happens, we would be two co-workers with a common goal."

At last month's trials in Park City, Racine and Johnson set a track record, putting them on the Olympic team. The performance also put them among the medal favorites when the

women's event is run at the Winter Games next month for the first time.

Racine has said her decision stemmed from a training session at Calgary in late September. Johnson, who had been sliding with Bonny Warner, posted a start time that was 13-hundredths of a second faster than Davidson's.

Davidson said Thursday she wasn't aware that Racine was using the September event to choose a partner.

The federation held a race-off for brakemen on Dec. 12, but Davidson said she elected not to participate because Racine had assured her in a voice-mail message that their partnership was secure.

Sixers sting Hornets 93-88

Iverson throws in 33 points against Charlotte, who might be moving to New Orleans soon.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Hours after their owners filed to relocate to New Orleans, the Charlotte Hornets lost one of their most pivotal games of the season.

Allen Iverson, coming off a career-high 58-point performance, scored 33 and hit two free throws with 11 seconds left to seal Philadelphia's 93-88 victory

over the Hornets on Thursday night.

Aaron McKie scored 22 for Philadelphia, which held the Hornets to 36 points in the second half.

Lee Nailon tied his career-high with 27 points for the Hornets. David Wesley scored 23, Baron Davis had 13 points and 11 assists and P.J. Brown had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

After Nailon hit a jumper to make it 88-87, McKie scored to put the 76ers up 89-88 with 1:24 to play. Davis missed a 3 for the Hornets, Iverson got the rebound and fed it into Eric Snow for an easy layup that made it 91-88.

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Teammates in bobsled dispute

By Tim Korte
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — The simmering dispute between bobsled driver Jean Racine and brakewoman Jen Davidson is headed for arbitration.

U.S. bobsled federation director Matt Roy said Thursday he expects the dispute to go before the American Arbitration Association, which decides eligibility issues within the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Davidson's attorney, Mark Gaylord, said no hearing date has been set but one could be scheduled within three days. The USOC has a Jan. 28 deadline to submit names of athletes for next month's Olympics to the International Olympic Committee.

Davidson held a conference call Thursday evening where she said Racine led her to believe their partnership was secure, then surprised her by choosing former heptathlete Gea Johnson as her new partner.

In a grievance filed with the USOC, Davidson asked for a race-off with Johnson to settle the dispute.

"I'm not truly going to be happy with this situation until I have the chance to prove myself," Davidson said.

Racine declined comment.

"Jean is a little crispy right now," said Evan Morgenstein, an agent who represents both women. "She's being advised not to say anything more until the grievance is over. It doesn't behoove her to say anything. It's

got a life of its own."

Racine dropped Davidson in December after the pair had competed together for four years with spectacular success. The move came only a week before the Olympic trials and stunned Davidson.

"This is not an issue about friendship and it's certainly not a personal issue between Jean and I," Davidson said. "It's about fairness. I said from the beginning I would get in anybody's sled to represent my country. If that happens, we would be two co-workers with a common goal."

At last month's trials in Park City, Racine and Johnson set a track record, putting them on the Olympic team. The performance also put them among the medal favorites when the

women's event is run at the Winter Games next month for the first time.

Racine has said her decision stemmed from a training session at Calgary in late September. Johnson, who had been sliding with Bonny Warner, posted a start time that was 13-hundredths of a second faster than Davidson's.

Davidson said Thursday she wasn't aware that Racine was using the September event to choose a partner.

The federation held a race-off for brakemen on Dec. 12, but Davidson said she elected not to participate because Racine had assured her in a voice-mail message that their partnership was secure.

Sixers sting Hornets 93-88

Iverson throws in 33 points against Charlotte, who might be moving to New Orleans soon.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Hours after their owners filed to relocate to New Orleans, the Charlotte Hornets lost one of their most pivotal games of the season.

Allen Iverson, coming off a career-high 58-point performance, scored 33 and hit two free throws with 11 seconds left to seal Philadelphia's 93-88 victory

over the Hornets on Thursday night.

Aaron McKie scored 22 for Philadelphia, which held the Hornets to 36 points in the second half.

Lee Nailon tied his career-high with 27 points for the Hornets. David Wesley scored 23, Baron Davis had 13 points and 11 assists and PJ Brown had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

After Nailon hit a jumper to make it 88-87, McKie scored to put the 76ers up 89-88 with 1:24 to play. Davis missed a 3 for the Hornets, Iverson got the rebound and fed it into Eric Snow for an easy layup that made it 91-88.

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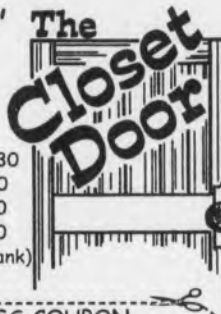
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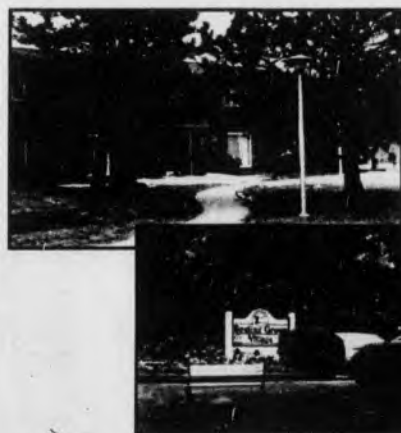
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Palestinian opens fire on party

The attack was the deadliest since the Dec. 16 cease fire.

By Jason Keyser
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HADERA, Israel — A Palestinian gunman walked into a banquet hall in northern Israel late yesterday and opened fire with an assault rifle, killing six people and injuring 30 during a bat mitzvah, police said. A militant group claimed responsibility for the attack, the deadliest in more than a month.

About 100 people were inside the hall celebrating a girl's coming of age. Several people beat the attacker with a chair and bottles and pushed him outside where he was shot and killed by police. Among the dead was the grandfather of the girl for whom the party was held.

"The terrorist came in the main door with an M-16 at the height of the event and started shooting

everywhere," said Shimon Asraf, one of owners of David's Palace hall.

The attacker's death brought the total number of dead to seven, said police spokesman Gil Kleiman.

Moti Hasson said he was dancing when he heard the shooting. "When I saw the Arab I ran toward him with a chair," said Hasson, a truck driver. "I threw the chair at him."

Hasson said he hit the attacker in the face with the chair while other people threw bottles at him.

"A tall man ran and screamed a few things and started shooting everywhere," said Uriel Gad who was at the ceremony.

At David's Palace, a two story building with a brown facade, workers were washing blood off the pavement a few hours after the attack.

The attacker had a grenade and a belt of ammunition which police at first announced con-

tained explosives for a suicide attack. Their first accounts said he threw hand grenades after being overcome by police.

The Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah, claimed responsibility in a phone call to The Associated Press.

It was the deadliest single attack in the region since Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat announced a cease-fire Dec. 16, after more than a year of clashes between Israelis and Palestinians.

The group said that Abed Hassouna from a village near the Palestinian town of Nablus carried out the attack to avenge the death of Raed Karni, the militia's leader in the town of Tulkarem. Hassouna had been a Palestinian policeman but left the force two years ago, residents of his village said.

Karni was killed in a bomb blast earlier this week that is widely believed to have been carried out by Israel. The group has vowed to avenge his death.

In Tulkarem, about a dozen Al Aqsa Brigades militants marched through the streets after the attack, shooting into the air in celebration.

The northern city of Hadera is located near the line separating Israel from the West Bank and has been the scene of several Palestinian bombings in recent months.

In a recent attack in Hadera, a Palestinian suicide bomber set off explosives strapped to his body on a bus on a main highway Nov. 29, killing himself and three Israeli passengers. The militant Islamic Jihad group later claimed responsibility for the blast.

Earlier Thursday, Israel renewed its blockade of several Palestinian towns in the West Bank after the killings of three civilians — an American man, an Israeli woman and a Palestinian resident of Jerusalem — by Palestinian gunmen this week. In the West Bank, a Palestinian militia leader died Thursday in an

exchange of fire with Israeli troops.

Israeli soldiers killed Khamis Abdullah, 42, the head of a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement in the Askar refugee camp near Nablus. Palestinian officials said Abdullah was killed after he and members of his militia opened fire on Israeli tanks near Nablus, drawing return fire. Israeli security sources said Abdullah was killed by Israeli commandos.

Israel has imposed travel bans on Palestinians periodically since the start of fighting in September 2000, restrictions Israel says are needed to keep suspected militants out of the country.

Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said the relatively muted response came because "we don't intend to escalate" the situation.

Gissin added, however, that "there are certain measures (taken) by the army that we do not publicize."

Near the Gaza Strip, an Israeli tank fired a shell and machine guns at three Palestinians trying to cross a security fence into Israel, the army said. One person is believed to have been hit, the army said. There was no additional information and no comment from Palestinian officials.

Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Thursday for the overthrow of Arafat and said a Palestinian state must never be established.

Polls indicate Netanyahu has a strong chance of returning to power and his statements were seen as a challenge to Sharon.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, a PLO faction protesting the detention of its leader threatened to attack senior Palestinian security officials if more arrests were made.

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Somali group protests movie



The Associated Press

BOYCOTT: Omar Jamal is the executive director of the Somali Justice Advocacy Center.

By Renee Ruble
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Local Somali leaders called Thursday for a boycott of the movie "Black Hawk Down" because it depicts Somalis as savages and could create a backlash against refugees who fled to the U.S.

"We don't know what Americans will think of us Somalis after they watch this movie," said Omar Jamal, executive director of the Somali Justice Advocacy Center in St. Paul. Somali groups in Columbus, Ohio, and Boston also planned to seek a boycott, he said.

"Black Hawk Down," which goes into wide release Friday, portrays the 1993 firefight in

Somalia that left 18 American soldiers dead and more than 70 wounded. The military mission to Mogadishu was to capture two top lieutenants of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

A Minneapolis newspaper invited about a dozen people from the Advocacy Center to see the movie in advance Wednesday night. Jamal said they all left in shock. The film was confusing and didn't have a story or message, he said.

"The Somali people are depicted as very savage beasts without any human element," Jamal said. "It's just people shooting each other."

The center planned to distribute fliers at theaters with histori-

AT ISSUE

Somalis feel that "Black Hawk Down" does not portray them in a negative way. There could be a backlash against Somalis living in America as a result.

cal background on the Somali conflict.

In Columbus, Ohio, Abdi Mohamud, a board member of the Council of American-Islamic Relations, said he had not heard about a boycott, but added that people should know the movie perpetuates stereotypes.

"I found the movie to sensationalize the whole issue and to put the Somalis in one category," said Mohamud, who immigrated

from Somalia and became a U.S. citizen.

"There were many Somalis against the warlords. They were supportive of the mission that brought the United States and international community into Somalia."

Messages seeking comment were left with leaders of the Somali Community Association in Columbus.

"Black Hawk Down" comes at a time of renewed interest in Somalia. The U.S. military has begun reconnaissance flights and naval patrols off Somalia's coast to determine if the country is harboring fleeing members of the al-Qaida network.

Many in the Columbus Somali

community, second in size to Minneapolis, are worried about the timing, Mohamud said.

"Most of the Somalis in Ohio and here in Columbus have family members, people they care about, in Somalia," he said. "They're tired of war."

Some also fear a backlash here, Mohamud said.

"There's a segment of society that takes movies for reality," he said.

U.S. Somali groups have worked hard to show they support the war against terrorism, Jamal said.

"The community is shocked and really afraid of the consequences of this movie," Jamal said.

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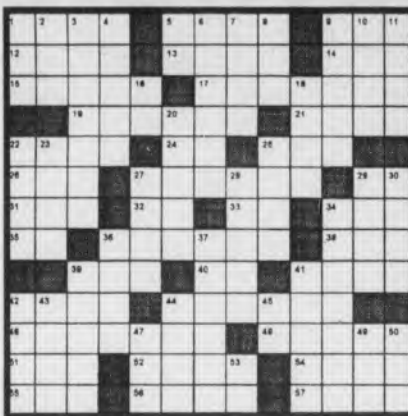
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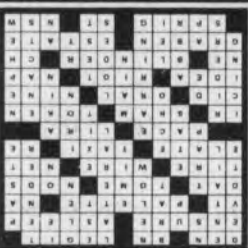


- 1 Winglike structure
2 Constellation's main star
3 Very large clump of ice
4 One who gives
5 Argon symbol
6 Cross out
7 Blue pencil
8 Cry
9 Wading bird
10 Egg shaped
11 Remove (typesetting)
16 Article
18 Great lake
20 Sister's daughter
22 Rim
23 Groan
25 Saw (p.t.)
27 Story
28 Cloth fold
29 Sorrowful expression
30 Depression
34 Typical
36 Wide-mouthed jar
37 Person who defaces
39 Regions
41 Cloth cap
42 Display cards
43 Ancient dry measure (Heb.)
44 Low female voice
45 Lithium symbol (abbr.)
47 Snake
49 It is (poetic)
50 Time zone (abbr.)
53 Concerning

ACROSS

- 1 Caustic
5 Lemon drinks
9 Brick trough
12 Insane (slang)
13 Do over
14 Night before
15 Fight area
17 Tolerate
19 Baby's hat
21 Actor's part
22 Emergency (abbr.)
24 Impersonal pronoun
25 Wrongful act
26 Beetle
27 Indian's home
29 Paid notice (slang)
31 Choke
32 Actinium symbol
33 Football position (abbr.)
34 Malt beverage
35 Forms verbs from adjectives (suffix)
36 Lucky number
38 Covered truck
39 Reverence
40 Drinker's group (abbr.)
41 Most excellent
42 Saint Thomas
44 Growth on deer's head
46 Green gem
48 Angry
51 Meadow
52 Asterisk
54 Zeus' shield
55 Medical people (abbr., pl.)
56 North or south
57 Examination

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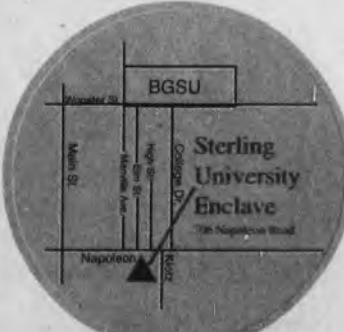
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